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Filed: March 1, 2004) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)
MULTI-PLY WEB OF FLEXIBLE)
MATERIAL, SUCH AS PAPER AND)
NONWOVEN)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

All of the listed documents were previously made of record in prior Application Serial No. 10/118,895, filed April 10, 2002, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed.

The relevance of DE 196 26 997; DE 196 54 249; and DE 298 08 740 is discussed in the specification of the present application. EP 1 149 552 is cited in an international-style search report (copy enclosed) as category A, and DE 36 09 999 was cited in an international-style search report (copy enclosed).

The Examiner's attention is directed to parent application number 10/118,895, naming Heinz J. Müller as inventor and filed on April 10, 2002, and the documents cited therein. See application publication no. US-2002-0160155-A1.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been made.

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The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing and before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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